JS 44 (Rev. 12/12)

#### **CIVIL COVER SHEET**

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Alexander Salas d/b/a Los Taxes 2335 Kensington Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19125 And

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And

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**Plaintiffs** 

v.

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And

YML Realty, Inc. 126 Rennard Place Philadelphia, PA 19116

Langhorne, PA 19047

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Brooklyn, NY 11230

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Lichtenstein, Mahman Shimon a/k/a Lichtenstein, Nachman 207 Foster Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11230

Civil Action

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Philadelphia County Trial Division - Civil April Term 2014

No. 0409

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And City of Philadelphia 1515 Arch Street, #15 Philadelphia, PA 19102

**Defendants** 

#### **NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

To the Honorable Judges of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441, defendant, the City of Philadelphia (hereinafter "petitioner") through their counsel, Michael R. Miller, Assistant City Solicitor, respectfully petition for the removal of this action to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In support thereof, defendants state the following:

- 1. In April 2014, plaintiff initiated this action by a Complaint in the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia, April 2014, No. 0409. (Exhibit A Complaint).
- 2. On July 8, 2014, said Complaint was served on Petitioners at 1515 Arch Street, 14th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 3. Plaintiff alleges that on April 9, 2012, he sustained damages when his civil rights were violated by the defendants. (Exhibit A).
- 4. This action may be removed to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441 since Plaintiff's Complaint contains allegations of violations of the plaintiff's Federal Civil Rights and seeks relief under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (Exhibit A)

Wherefore, petitioner, the City of Philadelphia, respectfully request that the captioned Complaint be removed to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Straw Chief Deputy City Solicitor

MICHAEL R. MILLER Assistant City Solicitor Attorney I.D. No. 315759 1515 Arch Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-683-5433

Date: 08/09/2014

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#### NOTICE OF FILING OF REMOVAL

TO: Joel F. Bigatel 211 Haverford Avenue Suite 2F Narberth, PA 19072

> Matthew A. Glazer Cozen O'Connor 1900 Market St. Philadelphia, PA 19103

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on August 4, defendant the City of Philadelphia filed, in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania a verified Notice of Removal.

A copy of this Notice of Removal is attached hereto and is also being filed with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 1446(e).

> MICHAEL R. MILLER **Assistant City Solicitor** Attorney I.D. No. 315759

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**Defendants** 

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Michael R. Miller, Assistant City Solicitor do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the attached Notice of Removal has been served upon the following by First Class Mail, postpaid, on the date indicated below:

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Exhibit "A"

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## IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA - CIVIL DIVISION

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Plaintiffs

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#### NOTICE TO DEFEND

#### NOTICE

You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filling in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint of for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

#### **AVISO**

Le han demandado a usted en la corte. Si usted quiere defenderse de estas demandas expuestas en las paginas siguientes, usted tiene veinte (20) dias de plazo al partir de la fecha de la demanda y la notificacion. Hace falta ascentar una comparencia escrita o en persona o con un abogado y entregar a la corte en forma escrita sus defensas o sus objeciones a las demandas en contra de su persona. Sea avisado que si usted no se defiende, la corte tomara medidas y puede continuar la demanda en contra suya sin previo aviso o notificacion. Ademas, la corte puede decider a favor del demandante y requiere que usted cumpla con todas las provisiones de esta demanda. Usted puede perder dinero o sus propiedades u otros derechos importantes para usted.

You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.

Philadelphia Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Service One Reading Center Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107 (215) 238-6333 TTY (215) 451-6197 Lleve esta demanda a un abogado immediatamente. Si no tiene abogado o si no tiene el dinero suficiente de pagar tal servicio. Vaya en persona o llame por telefono a la oficina cuya direccion se encuentra escrita abajo para averiguar donde se puede conseguir asistencia legal.

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**Plaintiffs** 

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YORK STREET PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, LP One Oxford Valley, Suite 312 Langhorne, PA 19047 and

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#### COMPLAINT

- Plaintiff is Alexander Salas, an adult individual, doing-business-as Los Taxes,
   with a business address at 2335 Kensington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125.
- Plaintiff is Victor H. Rosero, Jr., an adult individual, doing-business-as Sky's the Limit, with a business address at 2411 Kensington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125
- Plaintiff is the estate of Heather Shaw, by and through her personal representative, Eulid Noel Perez. Personal Representative Perez is an adult individual residing at 2423 Jasper Street, Philadelphia, PA 19125.

- Plaintiff is Eulid Noel Perez, an adult individual residing at 2423 Jasper Street,
   Philadelphia, PA 19125.
- Plaintiff is Xiaoli Zhang, an adult individual, doing-business-as New Star, with a business address at 2409 Kensington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125.
- 6. Defendant is York Street Property Development, LP, a Pennsylvania limited partnership with a registered business address at One Oxford Valley, Suite 312, Langhorne, PA 19047.
- Defendant is York Street Property Development GP, LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company with a registered business address at One Oxford Valley, Suite 312, Langhorne, PA 19047.
- 8. Defendant is YML Realty, Inc., a Pennsylvania management corporation with a registered business address at 126 Rennard Place, Philadelphia, PA 19116.
- Defendant is Yechial Michael Lichtenstein, a/k/a Michael Lichtenstein, a/k/a Y.
   Michael Lichtenstein, a/k/a Yechial/Yechiel Lichtenstein, an adult individual residing at 324 Avenue I, Brooklyn, NY 11230.
- 10. Defendant is Mahman Shimon Lichtenstein, a/k/a Nachman Lichtenstein, an adult individual residing at 207 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11230 (collectively with Defendants York Street Property Development, LP, York Street Property Development GP, LLC, YML Realty, Inc., and Yechial Michael Lichtenstein hereinafter "York Street Defendants").
- Defendant is the City of Philadelphia with an office address at 1515 Arch Street,
   #15, Philadelphia PA 19102.
- 12. Defendant Yechiel Michael Lichtenstein is the President, Secretary, and owner of Defendant YML Realty, Inc.

- 13. Defendant Mahman Lichtenstein is the President and sole member of York Street Property Development GP, LLC.
- 14. Defendant York Street Property Development GP, LLC is the general partner of Defendant York Street Property Development, LP.
- 15. In or about 2008, Defendant YML Realty, Inc. was used as a straw purchaser for the former Thomas W. Buck Hosiery factory, located at 1817-41 York Street, (hereinafter "York Street Property" or "Property"), facilitating a transfer of the property from the previous owner to Defendant York Street Property Development, LP.
- 16. Defendant York Street Property Development, LP, was the owner of the York Street Property at all times pertinent to this matter.
- 17. During the period 2008 to April 9, 2012, the York Street Property was not maintained in a legal condition. Among numerous defects, the Property did not have a working sprinkler system nor a working alarm system and was not properly maintained nor secured against trespassers.
- 18. The City of Philadelphia Department of Licenses and Inspections ("L&I") issued numerous code violations for the Property.
- 19. On or about January 27, 2009, L&I issued a violation based on the failure of the owners of the Property to maintain the property in a clean, safe and secure condition.
- 20. Over the next several years, L&I issued numerous other code violation notices regarding the Property including notices dated March 3, 2009; April 9, 2009; May 27, 2009; June 29, 2009; October 9, 2009; December 16, 2010; November 2, 2011; December 13, 2011; December 16, 2011; January 13, 2012; February 14, 2012; and March 29, 2012.

- 21. In each notice, L&I informed the York Street Defendants that the Property was designated as "unsafe."
- 22. Between 2008 and April 9, 2012, numerous vandals, vagrants, drug dealers, drug users, prostitutes, looters, and others were entering upon and/or residing at the Property.
- 23. These individuals occupants were engaged in various activities, including, but not limited to, starting fires on the property and in the buildings on the property.
- 24. From at least 2009, York Street Defendants were on notice of the unsafe conditions and that persons were entering and leaving the York Street Property freely through a door on Boston Street.
- 25. Neither Defendant Michael Lichtenstein, nor any other Defendant, took any action to maintain the property in a safe condition nor to secure the York Street Property as a result of Richard Knellinger's warnings.
- 26. In or about October 2011, a group of local residents contacted Defendant City of Philadelphia regarding the numerous code violations at the York Street Property, as well as other unsafe conditions. In particular, they noted three compromised exterior doors, over eighty broken windows, an unsecured elevator shaft, a partial roof collapse, and plants growing in cracks of the warehouse's walls.
- 27. On or about November 2, 2011, in response to the residents' complaints, Defendant City of Philadelphia sent Ted Pendergrass, an L&I inspector, to the York Street Property. Mr. Pendergrass opened a new case on the Property file as opposed to adding the violation to the ongoing case file from 2009 — and issued a "first" violation under the new case number. Such violation was forwarded to the York Street Defendants' attorney, Darrell Zaslow, Esquire.

- 28. On or about December 13, 2011, Mr. Pendergrass re-inspected the Property.

  The condition of the property remained unchanged. Mr. Pendergrass issued a second notice regarding the violation. Such notice was forwarded to the York Street Defendants' attorney, Mr. Zaslow.
- 29. On or about January 13, 2012, Mr. Pendergrass re-inspected the Property. As the condition of the property remained unchanged, Mr. Pendergrass issued a further notice regarding the violation, which notice was forwarded to the York Street Defendants' attorney, Mr. Zaslow.
- 30. On or about February 14, 2012, Michael Ross, an L&I inspector, re-inspected the Property. Mr. Ross issued a violation notice regarding the defective sprinkler system, duplicative of a notice sent in 2009. Said notice was mailed to 324 Avenue I, Brooklyn, New York.
- 31. On or about March 29, 2012, an L&I supervisor re-inspected the property. While at the property, the supervisor was informed by local residents that there were regular fires at night within the York Street Property and that trespassers were easily able to access the Property. The inspector cited the building as "unsafe." This notice was sent via certified mail to the York Street Defendants' attorney, Mr. Zaslow.
- 32. York Street Defendants took no action to correct the dangerous conditions and numerous code violations nor to secure the York Street Property.
- 33. On or about April 9, 2012, fire engulfed the York Street Property. Forty fire companies and over one hundred firefighters responded to the fire.
- 34. Due to the heat from the fire and high winds, embers and burning pieces of debris were spread throughout the area of the York Street Property and onto properties located near the York Street Property.

- 35. As a result of the fire, the York Street Property collapsed. A portion of the Property collapsed into and on top of the adjacent property at 2411 Kensington Avenue. Two firefighters were killed in the collapse, and two more firefighters were injured.
- 36. As a result of the fire and subsequent collapse, Plaintiffs suffered damages including the destruction of a substantial amount of property.
- 37. As a result of the fire and subsequent collapse, Plaintiffs' buildings were damaged and required extensive repairs.
- 38. Following the warehouse fire, a Grand Jury was formed to investigate the fire.

  The Grand Jury drafted a report titled; Report and Records of the County
  Investigating Grand Jury XXV.
- 39. On or about February 3, 2014, the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County accepted the Report of the Grand Jury and submitted it to the Clerk of the Court to be filed as a public record.
- 40. The Grand Jury found, among many items, that in regard to the York Street Property, Defendant City of Philadelphia, and in particular L&I, had a custom and practice of not properly citing, documenting, and identifying material defects; did not meaningfully enforce its Building and/or Maintenance Codes; and did not take appropriate legal action to ensure compliance with the Codes or to properly secure and/or demolish the Property.

# COUNT I - NEGLIGENCE PLAINTIFFS v. YORK STREET PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, LP; YORK STREET PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, GP, LLC; YML REALTY, INC.; YECHIAL MICHAEL LICHTENSTEIN; and MAHMAN SHIMON LICHTENSTEIN ("YORK STREET DEFENDANTS")

- 41. Paragraphs 1 through 40 of the foregoing Complaint are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.
- 42. Defendant Michael Lichtenstein was personally aware of the dangerous conditions at the York Street Property as he visited the property on numerous occasions and was repeatedly told of the Code Violations at the Property.
- 43. York Street Defendants were aware, or should have been aware, of the condition of the York Street Property as their attorney was mailed numerous notices from 2009 to 2012 regarding code violations and unsafe conditions at the Property.
- 44. York Street Defendants had a duty to maintain the York Street Property in a safe condition.
- 45. York Street Defendants owed a duty to surrounding property owners, including Plaintiffs, to secure their property against defects that could harm other owners or the property of other owners.
- 46. York Street Defendants failed to secure the York Street Property against known and repeat trespassers, to ensure compliance with local building, maintenance, and health codes, and to address L&I notices and violations.
- 47. The failure to maintain safe and secure conditions at properties owned by the York Street Defendants was a pattern, practice or custom of the business practices of the York Street Defendants.
- 48. This failure of York Street Defendants to properly maintain and secure the property led directly to the fire of April 9, 2012.
- 49. York Street Defendants' failure to secure the York Street Property against known trespassers, to ensure compliance with local building, maintenance, and health

codes, and to address L&I notices and violations were a direct and proximate cause of the losses that Plaintiffs sustained due to the fire and subsequent collapse at the York Street Property.

50. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct and the resulting fire of April 9, 2012, Plaintiffs lost substantial sums of valuable goods, suffered property damage, and were deprived of their valuable property rights and suffered damages in the form of lost business, deprivation of the use and enjoyment of their properties, and lost income and profits.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment in their favor and against the York Street Defendants, jointly and severally, for damages incurred, interest, costs, counsel fees, punitive damages and damages for delay in an amount not in excess of \$50,000.00.

#### **COUNT II - NUISANCE**

PLAINTIFFS v. YORK STREET PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, LP; YORK STREET PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, GP, LLC; YML REALTY, INC.; YECHIAL MICHAEL LICHTENSTEIN; and MAHMAN SHIMON LICHTENSTEIN ("YORK STREET DEFENDANTS")

- 51. Paragraphs 1 through 50 of the foregoing Complaint are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.
- 52. The fire and collapse of the building at the York Street Property were the result of York Street Defendants' failure to maintain property in a safe condition, to secure the York Street Property against known trespassers, to ensure compliance with local building, maintenance, and health codes, and to address L&I notices and violations.
- 53. These actions and/or omissions of York Street Defendants at the York Street Property encroached on Plaintiffs' private use and enjoyment of their property.

- 54. These actions and/or inactions of York Street Defendants were done knowingly, intentionally, willfully, or unreasonably.
- 55. To the extent that York Street Defendants' actions and/or omissions were not done knowingly, intentionally, willfully, or unreasonably, such actions were done either negligently or recklessly.
- The actions and/or omissions of York Street Defendants resulted in abnormally dangerous conditions at or about the York Street Property.
- 57. York Street Defendants' actions and/or omissions were a direct and proximate cause of the losses that Plaintiffs sustained due to the fire and subsequent collapse of the building at the York Street Property.
- As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct and the resulting fire of April 9, 2012, Plaintiffs lost substantial sums of valuable goods, suffered property damage, and were deprived of their valuable property rights and suffered damages in the form of lost business, deprivation of the use and enjoyment of their properties, and lost income and profits.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment in their favor and against the York Street Defendants, jointly and severally, for damages incurred, interest, costs, counsel fees, punitive damages and damages for delay in an amount not in excess of \$50,000.00.

COUNT III - PIERCING THE CORPORATE VEIL
PLAINTIFFS v. YORK STREET PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, LP; YORK STREET
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LICHTENSTEIN; and MAHMAN SHIMON LICHTENSTEIN ("YORK STREET
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59. Paragraphs 1 through 58 are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth at length.

- 60. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant hereto, Yechial Michael Lichtenstein, was the sole manager and/or member of YML Realty Inc. and dominated and controlled the activities and business decisions of YML Realty Inc.
- 61. While engaged in the series of acts and omissions described herein and engaged in business transactions involving YML Realty Inc. as well as Yechial Michael Lichtenstein himself, Yechial Michael Lichtenstein behaved in such a fashion that his acts and omissions as representative of YML Realty Inc. and what he did in his personal capacity were and are indistinguishable.
- 62. Upon information and belief, Yechial Michael Lichtenstein failed to keep assets of YML Realty Inc. separate and distinct from his own and ignored most, if not all, formalities required of corporate operation.
- 63. Upon information and belief, Yechial Michael Lichtenstein formed YML Realty Inc. for the purpose of, among other things, avoiding personal responsibility to others for tortious acts and breaches committed by Yechial Michael Lichtenstein.
- 64. Upon information and belief, YML Realty Inc. is the alter ego of Yechial Michael Lichtenstein.
- 65. Upon information and belief, at all times relevant hereto, Yechial Michael Lichtenstein and Mahmon Shimon Lichtenstein, were the sole managers and/or members of York Street Property Development, LP and York Street Property Development, GP, LLC and dominated and controlled the activities and business decisions of York Street Property Development, LP and York Street Property Development, GP, LLC.
- 66. While engaged in the series of acts and omissions described herein and engaged in business transactions involving York Street Property Development, LP and York Street Property Development, GP, LLC as well as Yechial Michael Lichtenstein and Mahmon Shimon Lichtenstein themselves, Yechial Michael Lichtenstein and Mahmon Shimon Lichtenstein behaved in such a fashion that

his acts and omissions as representative of YML Realty Inc. and what they did in their personal capacity were and are indistinguishable.

- 67. Upon information and belief, Yechial Michael Lichtenstein and Mahmon Shimon Lichtenstein failed to keep assets of York Street Property Development, LP and York Street Property Development, GP, LLC separate and distinct from their own and ignored most, if not all, formalities required of corporate operation.
- 68. Upon information and belief, Yechial Michael Lichtenstein and Mahmon Shimon Lichtenstein formed York Street Property Development, LP and York Street Property Development, GP, LLC for the purpose of, among other things, avoiding personal responsibility to others for tortious acts and breaches committed by Yechial Michael Lichtenstein and Mahmon Shimon Lichtenstein.
- 69. Upon information and belief, York Street Property Development, LP and York Street Property Development, GP, LLC are the alter egos of Yechial Michael Lichtenstein and Mahmon Shimon Lichtenstein.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment in their favor and against YML Realty Inc., York Street Property Development, LP, York Street Property Development, GP, LLC, Yechial Michael Lichtenstein, and Mahmon Shimon Lichtenstein, jointly and severally, for damages incurred, interest, costs, counsel fees, punitive damages and damages for delay in an amount not in excess of \$50,000.00.

#### COUNT IV - 42 USC § 1983 PLAINTIFFS v. CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

- 70. Paragraphs 1 through 69 of the foregoing Complaint are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.
- 71. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, Plaintiffs seek compensatory damages, and other such relief as is permitted.

- 72. The statements, acts, and omissions of Defendant City of Philadelphia, through its agents, representatives, servants, and employees, including, but not limited to, L&I, constitute the policy and practice of Defendant City of Philadelphia.
- 73. The acts and omissions of the agents, representatives, servants, and employees of Defendant City of Philadelphia were done under the color of state and local law.
- 74. By failing to take proper action to address three years of complaints and the conditions at the property giving rise to numerous code violations and notices, Defendant City of Philadelphia aided, comforted, encouraged and provided incentive for the acts and omissions of York Street Defendants that give rise to liability.
- 75. By failing to take proper action to address three years of complaints and the conditions at the property giving rise to numerous code violations and notices, Defendant City of Philadelphia approved, acquiesced, and concurred with the acts and omissions of York Street Defendants that give rise to liability.
- 76. By failing to take proper action to address three years of complaints and the conditions at the property giving rise to numerous code violations and notices, Defendant City of Philadelphia set into action a chain of events that it knew or reasonably should have known would cause the acts and omissions of York Street Defendants that give rise to liability.
- 77. Defendant City of Philadelphia undertook a special relationship with Plaintiffs by issuing citations to the York Street Defendants for violations of the Building, Fire, and/or Maintenance Code at the York Street Property. Such citations were purportedly designed to protect Plaintiffs, and others similarly situated, from health and safety risks associated with the violations at the Property.

- 78. Defendant City of Philadelphia undertook a special relationship with Plaintiffs by providing the sole remedy for the Building, Fire, and/or Maintenance Code violations at the York Street Property through the establishment of a system of published notice, remediation and sanctions practices and procedures.
- 79. Defendant City of Philadelphia undertook a special relationship with Plaintiffs through L&I's numerous visits to and inspections of the York Street Property.
- 80. Defendant City of Philadelphia, through deliberate indifference that was so egregious as to shock the conscience of an ordinary, reasonable, and prudent person, failed to adequately train and/or supervise persons responsible for inspecting buildings, issuing citations under the Building, Fire, and/or Maintenance Codes, and ensuring compliance with the codes, notices, and citations.
- 81. It was the policy and custom of Defendant City of Philadelphia, at all times relevant to this Complaint, to refuse to meaningfully enforce its Building, Fire, and/or Maintenance Codes.
- 82. It was the policy and custom of Defendant City of Philadelphia to fail and/or decline to take appropriate legal action regarding properties that did not comply with its Building, Fire, and/or Maintenance Codes.
- 83. It was the custom of Defendant City of Philadelphia to fail and/or decline to follow its stated, internal policies and procedures regarding the Building, Fire, and/or Maintenance Codes.
- 84. In failing and/or declining to take appropriate legal action against York Street

  Defendants and/or the York Street Property, Defendant City of Philadelphia was
  determining and setting its policy.

- 85. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant City of Philadelphia's actions, conduct, and omissions, the York Street Property was not properly and safely maintained and secured, which failure was a direct and proximate cause of the fire of April 9, 2012, which deprived Plaintiffs of their valuable property interests.
- As a direct and proximate result of Defendant City of Philadelphia's actions, conduct, and omissions, the York Street Property was not properly and safely maintained and secured, which failure was a direct and proximate cause of the fire of April 9, 2012, which failure deprived Plaintiffs of their legitimate expectation that they were receiving protection from unsafe conditions by Defendant City of Philadelphia, through the enforcement of its Building, Fire, and/or Maintenance Codes.
- 87. Defendant City of Philadelphia's actions, conduct, and omissions constitute an unlawful taking and deprivation of Plaintiffs' property rights under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution.
- 88. Defendant City of Philadelphia's actions, conduct and omissions constitute an unlawful taking and deprivations of Plaintiffs' property rights in violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution.
- 89. The actions and omissions of Defendant City of Philadelphia as set forth above, constitute deliberate indifference that was so egregious as to shock the conscience of an ordinary, reasonable and prudent person, and proximately caused Plaintiffs to suffer damages, including economic loss and unlawful deprivation of property rights and interests.
- 90. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988, Plaintiffs are entitled to attorneys fees.

Wherefore, Plaintiffs demand judgment in their favor and against Defendant City of Philadelphia for damages incurred, interest, costs, counsel fees, punitive damages and damages for delay in an amount not in excess of \$50,000.00.

#### COUNT V - NEGLIGENCE PLAINTIFFS v. CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

- 91. Paragraphs 1 through 90 of the foregoing Complaint are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.
- 92. Defendant City of Philadelphia owed a duty to all citizens to properly maintain the roads and sidewalks under its ownership and control.
- 93. Defendant City of Philadelphia owned the roads and sidewalks near and surrounding the York Street Property at all times pertinent to this matter.
- 94. In failing to act upon the numerous code violations at the York Street Property,
  Defendant City of Philadelphia failed to properly maintain the roads and
  highways surrounding the York Street Property.
- 95. In failing to act upon the numerous code violations at the York Street Property,
  Defendant City of Philadelphia failed to properly maintain the sidewalks
  surrounding the York Street Property.
- 96. The fire and collapse at the York Street Property was a reasonably foreseeable risk of Defendant City of Philadelphia's failure to act upon the numerous code violations and related failure to maintain the roads and sidewalks surrounding the Property.
- 97. This failure to act was a direct and proximate cause of the losses suffered by Plaintiffs in the fire and collapse at the York Street Property.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment in their favor and against Defendant City of Philadelphia for damages incurred, interest, costs, counsel fees, punitive damages and damages for delay in an amount not in excess of \$50,000.00.

#### **COUNT VI**

PLAINTIFF SALAS v. YORK STREET PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, LP; YORK STREET PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, GP, LLC; YML REALTY, INC.; YECHIAL MICHAEL LICHTENSTEIN; and MAHMAN SHIMON LICHTENSTEIN; and CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

- 98. Paragraphs 1 through 97 are incorporated herein as if fully set forth.
- 99. At all times pertinent hereto, Plaintiff Salas was conducting a tax-preparation business known as Los Taxes, in rented offices located at 2411 Kensington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125.
- 100. The fire of April 9, 2012 rendered the offices unusable for an extended period of time thereafter.
- 101. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct and the resulting fire of April 9, 2012, Plaintiff Salas suffered economic loss as the fire destroyed numerous tax return preparations for the year of 2012, resulting in a significant loss of business for the year.
- 102. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct and the resulting fire of April 9, 2012, Plaintiff Salas suffered the loss of use of the business premises, loss of present and future customers, loss of business records, loss of income and profits, and loss of goodwill.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Salas demands judgment in his favor and against Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount not in excess of \$50,000.00.

#### **COUNT VII**

PLAINTIFF ROSERO v. YORK STREET PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT. LP: YORK STREET PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT. GP. LLC: YML REALTY. INC.: YECHIAL MICHAEL LICHTENSTEIN; and MAHMAN SHIMON LICHTENSTEIN; and CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

103. Paragraphs 1 through 97 are incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

- 104. At all times pertinent hereto, Plaintiff Rosero was conducting a hair cutting and beauty salon business known as Sky's the Limit, in rented space located at 2411 Kensington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125.
- 105. The fire of April 9, 2012 rendered the space unusable for an extended period of time thereafter.
- 106. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct and the resulting fire of April 9, 2012, Plaintiff Rosero suffered the loss of use of the business premises, loss of present and future customers, loss of business records, loss of business equipment, loss of business inventory and supplies, loss of income and profits, loss of goodwill, and the loss of his business at the time of the subsequent closing of the business.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Rosero demands judgment in his favor and against Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount not in excess of \$50,000.00.

#### **COUNT VIII**

PLAINTIFFS ESTATE OF SHAW and EULID NOEL PEREZ v. YORK STREET PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT. LP: YORK STREET PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT. GP, LLC; YML REALTY. INC.: YECHIAL MICHAEL LICHTENSTEIN; and MAHMAN SHIMON LICHTENSTEIN; and CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

- 107. Paragraphs 1 through 97 are incorporated herein as if fully set forth.
- 108. At all times pertinent hereto, Heather Shaw, now deceased, was an adult individual residing at 2423 Jasper Street, Philadelphia, PA 19125.
- 109. At all times pertinent hereto, Plaintiff Perez was an adult individual residing at 2423 Jasper Street, Philadelphia, PA 19125.
- 110. Plaintiffs Shaw and Perez were residing at the property under a purchase agreement with the then-owner.
- 111. Plaintiffs Shaw and Perez made substantial payments for the purchase of the property prior to the fire.

- 112. As a result of the fire of April 9, 2012, the back door to the house was destroyed when the fire department broke through it to access a suitable location from which to fight the fire.
- 113. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct and the resulting fire of April 9, 2012, and the consequent and necessary efforts of the fire department to fight the fire, Plaintiffs Shaw and Perez suffered losses in the form of damage and loss of value to the real property, lost personal property, were deprived of their valuable property rights and interests and the quiet enjoyment of the property.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs The Estate of Heather Shaw, by and through her personal representative Eulid Noel Perez, and Eulid Noel Perez, demand judgment in their favor and against Defendants, jointly and severally, in an amount not in excess of \$50,000.00.

#### **COUNT IX**

## PLAINTIFF ZHANG v. YORK STREET PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT. LP: YORK STREET PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT. GP. LLC: YML REALTY. INC.; YECHIAL MICHAEL LICHTENSTEIN; MAHMAN SHIMON LICHTENSTEIN; and CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

- 114. Paragraphs 1 through 97 are incorporated herein as if fully set forth.
- 115. At all times pertinent hereto, Plaintiff Zhang was operating a take-out restaurant business known as New Star, with a business address at 2409 Kensington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125.
- 116. The fire of April 9, 2012 rendered the space unusable for an extended period of time thereafter.
- 117. In their efforts to fight the fire of April 9, 2012, the fire department cut through the back gate of the business premises to access a suitable location from which to fight the fire.

- 118. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct and the resulting fire of April 9, 2012, Plaintiff Zhang suffered the loss of use of the business premises, loss of present and future customers, damage to business equipment, loss of business inventory and supplies, loss of income and profits and loss of goodwill.
- 119. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct and the resulting fire of April 9, 2012, Plaintiff Zhang suffered economic and property damage in having to close her restaurant for approximately 11 days, losing business each day it was closed; in losing the entirety of her food stock for the restaurant due to the fire's interruption of electrical service to the refrigerator; loss from having to hire workers to clean the restaurant and prepare food to replenish the lost food stock; damage to the back gate as the fire department had to cut through it to access a suitable location from which to fight the fire; and loss of use and enjoyment of the family residence at the site which was uninhabitable following the fire.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Zhang demands judgment in her favor and against Defendants, jointly and severally, for damages incurred, interest, costs, counsel fees, and damages for delay in an amount not in excess of \$50,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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JOEL F. BIGATEL, ESQ

Counsel for Plaintiffs

Alexander Salas, doing business as Los Taxes, Plaintiff, verifies that the statements made in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief. The undersigned understands that the statements therein are made subject to the penalties of 18 PA. C.S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Alexander Salas d/b/a Los Taxes

DATE:

Victor H. Rosero, Jr., doing business as Sky's The Limit, Plaintiff, verifies that the statements made in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief. The undersigned understands that the statements therein are made subject to the penalties of 18 PA. C.S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Victor H. Rosero, Jr. d/b/a Sky's The Limit

DATE: 7/0-7/14

Eulid Noel Perez, personal representative of Heather Shaw, Deceased, Plaintiff, verifies that the statements made in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief. The undersigned understands that the statements therein are made subject to the penalties of 18 PA. C.S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

**Eulid Noel Perez** 

Personal Representative of Heather Shaw, Deceased

DATE: 7-7-14

Eulid Noel Perez, Plaintiff, verifies that the statements made in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief. The undersigned understands that the statements therein are made subject to the penalties of 18 PA. C.S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Eulid Noel Perez

DATE: 7-7-14

Xiaoli Zhang, doing business as New Star, Plaintiff, verifies that the statements made in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief. The undersigned understands that the statements therein are made subject to the penalties of 18 PA. C.S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Xiaoli Zhang d/b/a New Star

DATE: 7/7/14

### City of Philadelphia Law Department

TO:

Joel F. Bigatel, Esquire 211 Haverford Ave., Suite 2F Narberth, PA 19072

June 25, 2014

ALEXANDER SALAS, et al

: COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA et al-

: No. 409

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Alexdander Salas, Victor H. Rosero, Jr Heather Shaw, (Dec'd), by & Through her Personal Representative, Eulid Noel Perez, Eulid Noel Perez, Xiaoli Zhang **Civil Action** 

V.

No.

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